

THE TEST--- Now for the promised test, by which, when applied to a man, it may be seen whether the government he means to give his support to is of the one sort or of the other. Put him to this question: Will you, sir, or will you not, concur in putting matters on such a footing, in respect to the liberty of the press, and the liberty of public discussion, that, at the hands of the person exercising the powers of government, a man shall have no more fear from speaking and writing against them, than from speaking and writing for them? If his answer be yes, the government he declares in favor of, is an undespotic one; if his answer be no, the government he declares in favor of, is a despotic one.---*Jeremy Bentham.*

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Mitchell and N. Y. Schools

New York City is in a fair way to see its public schools made the puppet of a politician--a Roman Catholic politician. The inauguration of the Gary plan in the New York City public schools is dear to the heart of Mayor Mitchell and he is determined to effect its adoption. Being a Catholic and knowing the desire of his church to install the superstitious beliefs of the Catholic faith into the young minds in order to better bring them into a condition of subjection to the will of the church--to train them in obedience to church and priest in all things--Mayor Mitchell sees in the Gary plan an opening through which his church will spring with cunning agility to grasp and shape the children into the form most acceptable to the despotic purpose of the papacy.

A glance at the things most desired by Mitchell will reveal a dangerous program which, if adopted, will jeopardize the welfare of the public schools of his city and tend to bring them into the shadow of destruction--at the hands of Rome. Note the changes Mitchell would force on the city:

1. Election of William G. Willcox to the presidency of the Board of Education to succeed Mr. Churchill.

Willcox is reported to have been one of the heaviest contributors to Mitchell's campaign fund and is a personal friend of men close to Mitchell in a political way.

2. Appointment of William A. Wirt to supplant Wm. H. Maxwell as city superintendent.

3. Immediate adoption of the Gary system in all the schools.

This alone will bring more trouble and embarrassment to the cause and means of education than any other one thing, as it will bring greater expense, having already forced the closing of night schools for lack of funds in some instances. It will also give the Roman Catholic church the opening it has long desired--to bring its influence into close contact with the public school.

4. Revision of the curriculum so that it will include military instruction.

5. Provision for a smaller Board of Education.

Any of the five numbers on Mitchell's program for gaining control of the New York City schools, taken separately, is sufficient to arouse a suspicion that the mayor is not actuated by a desire to conserve the welfare of the people and the schools.

HE IS PROTECTING HIS OWN SELFISH INTERESTS AND PROMOTING THE SELFISH INTERESTS OF HIS CHURCH.

He would pay a political debt and guarantee his future success by the removal of Churchill and the election of Willcox in all probability. To enhance the probability of success in that direction he has recently appointed eleven new members to the Board of Education who will no doubt remember him in the way he would be remembered.

Another friend is to be given the office of superintendent, and so further his purpose to control.

The immediate adoption of the Gary system his church desires and as an obedient Catholic it is his duty to gain that point, whether the patrons of the school, other than Catholics, wish it or not--and indications and reports are that they do not want it.

The introduction of military instruction into the schools is not American and not necessary in any sense. Our schools were not instituted for the purpose of training boys to fight and kill and destroy, but to become thinking, honest, capable and industrious citizens of

a peaceful and prosperous nation.

The provision for a smaller school board may be an innocent desire on the part of Mitchell, but it smacks of a sinister purpose in that it will give him a fewer number of members of the Board of Education and a consequent lessening, or restricting, of his field of effort in the matter of control and so add to the efficacy of his power to control.

MITCHELL, A ROMAN CATHOLIC, IS APPARENTLY SEEKING TO GAIN ABSOLUTE CONTROL OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF NEW YORK CITY. Such a situation can only be regarded as extremely dangerous to the welfare of the schools.

Are the patriotic citizens of that city willing that a Romish hand should sway the Board of Education?

Shin Bone or Rib?

Rev. Ignatius Sayegh, pastor of St. Anthony Maronite church, has received from Rome a relic of St. Anne. This little parish was formed with the consent and assistance of Rt. Rev. Bishop Fechan about three years ago. The pastor has since endeavored to pay the bills, meet the interest on the mortgage and keep things going. The parish has flourished under his direction. To encourage him in his zealous work, the Maronite vicar general in Rome procured and sent to him this relic of St. Anne, mother of the Blessed Virgin Mary, with a certificate attesting its authenticity.---*Pall River (Mass.) Evening News, Dec. 28.*

Of course the "faithful" will worship frequently at the relic of St. Anne when it is exposed for veneration and will no doubt leave odd bits of loose change to assist Father Sayegh in "meeting bills" and "the interest on the mortgage."

Shin bones are so handy, you know, and the children of the Roman Catholic church are so well schooled in superstitious practices that they will "come across" with the coin when a new "relic" is to be venerated. And, no doubt, it is genuine, too, for didn't the vicar general send along a certificate of its authenticity? The parochial schools keep the children trained down to this sort of bunc and the "pickings" are easy for the priests.

PAGANISM AND ROMANISM ARE LARGELY SYNONYMOUS.

Good for Sunday

The *New Leader* of Richmond, Va., date Jan. 1, 1915, says that Card. G. didn't endorse Sunday.

As either the old cardinal or the correspondents of the Eastern papers are doing a lot of wholesale lying, we give place to this last ad' of the cardinal, only asking if Mr. Sunday will still continue to make a fool of himself by slobbering over the Catholics, who, in turn, kick and insult him for his silly praise of their church.

Baltimore, Jan. 1.--Cardinal Gibbons last night expressed sorrow that "the purport of his conversation with the Rev. Dr. George C. Peck, pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal church, regarding the Billy Sunday campaign was misunderstood," and declared that he had not "authorized the sending of letters to Catholic pastors asking prayer for the success of the coming campaign in Baltimore."

Asked by Dr. Peck if he objected to the prayers of the Catholic clergy being sought for the success of the Sunday campaign, the cardinal replied that he had no objection. It was the inference drawn from Dr. Peck's public statement that permission had been given to send letters to Catholic clergy to which the cardinal said he objected.

The Catholic church, he said, could not in any way recognize Mr. Sunday as a divinely commanded teacher of revelation.

Some preachers who desire to be noted as tender-hearted show that they are soft-headed by praising Rome.

Rome will garble history, misconstrue statements and invent stories to gain her end.

Civilization is dependent upon development, but no development is possible under Romanism.

IT DEPENDS ON WHOSE OX IS GORED

Catholics Can Damn Protestantism and Protestants Must Take Their Medicine, But There Must Be No Criticism of That Bigoted, Intolerant, One-sided Anti-Protestant Organization Known as the Roman Catholic Church--Let That Be Thoroughly Understood

The Tom Watson Case Ends in Mistrial

Thomas Watson, who for the past few years has been engaged in insulting everything near and dear to Catholics through the medium of his publications, *Watson's Magazine* and *The Jeffersonian*, has just had a "mistrial." This arch-bigot was arrested by the postal authorities for sending obscene matter through the mails. The articles were so vile, that the grand jury, which indicted him, branded them as so obscene, lewd, lascivious and filthy as to be improper to spread upon the records of the court.

This case has been before the court three times. The first time before Judge Speer, who disqualified. The second time before Judge Foster, who quashed the indictment on the ground that only excerpts of the article had been introduced. At the third trial which opened in Augusta, Ga., November 20th and lasted several days, the jury failed to agree after being locked up for several hours.

Of course Watson and his henchmen are triumphant over the "glorious victory." One of the spectators at his trial, says the "Augusta Herald," was Editor Marvin Brown of *THE MENACE*, who is to be tried in Joplin, Mo., on practically the same charges that Watson was tried on. The outcome of the case, no doubt, will inspire hope in the minds of anti-Catholic Editors and their "mud batteries" will belch forth more filth than heretofore.

"There seems to be a curious 'immunity' or 'unwritten law' invoked in defense of people who attack the Catholic church or abuse its representatives," says the *Boston Pilot*. "Witness for instance the mysterious popularity of Carranza since he has become known as an enemy of Catholic institutions in Mexico. Remark how seldom the 'ex-priests' and 'ex-nuns' are convicted for all their abandoned character and offenses against law and decency. Does any one recall the case of any 'Know-Nothing' who suffered imprisonment for the burning of churches or the mobbing of priests years ago? Did any one endure a day's confinement or a fine of a dollar for the tarring and feathering of Fr. Bapet in Maine in 1854? Was any conviction reached in the incendiary fire at Mt. Benedict in Charlestown? No, in each of these cases, a perverted public opinion supported the evildoers and practically defied the representatives of the law to punish them. Watson has precedents for his contempt of court and unclean bravado."

BY MARVIN BROWN

THE article headed "The Tom Watson Case Ends in Mistrial," reproduced herewith, and used as a text for the remarks to follow, was taken from the December issue of the "Bulletin of American Federation of Catholic Societies."

The American Federation of Catholic Societies is an unscrupulous aggregation of black-mailers and boycotters, organized for the purpose of boycotting and persecuting Protestants, and the "Bulletin" is their official organ.

In this organ they print from month to month lists of Protestant institutions they have put on the blink by means of the boycott; threaten and blackmail others which are not behaving themselves just to the liking of the petticoated grafters who do the pope's dirty work in the United States; air the exploits of the Nits of Mob and Murder; abuse *THE MENACE* and other patriotic papers and people and otherwise make asses of themselves in general.

The article in question shows conclusively that the editor of the "Bulletin" is as mad as a wet hen because the inquisitors at Augusta, Ga., let Tom Watson slip through their fingers without a penitentiary sentence.

He lets his temper get so far away from him that he uses epithets and invective that Watson never dared to use against Roman Catholics, then has the intestines to call one of the greatest men the South ever produced an "arch-bigot."

Consistency thou art a diamond! The "Bulletin" man (or bullet head) says the articles Tom Watson wrote were so "vile that the grand jury which indicted him branded them as so obscene, lewd, lascivious and filthy as to be improper to spread upon the records of the court."

However, the bullet headed editor of the "Bulletin" failed to state that the very stuff for which Watson was indicted, and which was too filthy for the spotless (God save the mark) records of the court, was taken from the Roman Catholic textbook for priests, and were questions which Roman Catholic priests are taught to ask women and maidens in the secret confines of the Catholic confessional box.

Why didn't this toe kissing, relic

worshipping servant of the Italian pope tell his readers that the stuff that was too filthy for the snow white records of the Federal court was the very stuff that his Italian master on the Tiber teaches his priests to spew into the ears of wives, sisters, daughters and sweethearts of Roman Catholic men?

Simply because he was too cowardly to do it; because he is just like the whole Roman Catholic lay-out--**HE IS BIASED, BIGOTED, UNFAIR, UNREASONABLE AND UNJUST--THAT'S WHY!**

That "curious immunity" and "unwritten law" that this bullet head speaks about in the last paragraph of his editorial gyrations is amusing in the extreme.

Every American citizen with sufficient intelligence to put his shoes on with the heels behind knows that it is next to impossible to convict a Roman Catholic in any court for any crime--yet this scribbler for the Pope's "Bulletin" "passes the buck" and would have his readers believe that Protestants can murder Catholics in cold blood or do most anything else and get by with it.

The whole screed is a whine from start to finish, the whine depending altogether and in every case on whose ox is gored. If it's the Protestant ox, well and good, mum's the word, but if it's the sacred bull of the papacy, the one doing the goring is an "arch-bigot" and should go to the torture chamber to be dealt with as were the Protestants in the days of Torquemada, the arch-fiend of Romish hellishness.

As for "curious immunity" and "unwritten law" it would seem that the Romish aggression has the whole world bucked off the boards.

As for the church that was burned or the priest that was tarred and feathered in 1854 I might state that the distance makes the incident too hazy for yours truly to get it, as that was before I or even my daddy was born--but I do happen to know something about the antics of the yellow flag followers since they set out on their latest crusade to make America Catholic and decorate the sod of my old Southland with the rich, red blood of Protestant martyrs.

The crimes of priests, proven and published to the world within

the past five years, would fill several issues of *THE MENACE*, and cannot be recited here, but with one or two rare exceptions they have gone scott free, and their crimes consisted of everything on the calendar from cold blooded murder down to petit larceny, including the violation of little girls under the age of sixteen years. The Roman Catholic thugs that assaulted Crowley, Spurgeon, Boles, Clark, Parker, Barnett, Kennedy, Tharp, Jordan and dozens of other Protestant preachers and platform speakers within the last four years are all at large.

The servants of the pope who burned the Protestant church in Dearborn, Mich., because the pastor, J. A. Coffman, delivered a lecture on the life of Martin Luther, are enjoying freedom under an "unwritten law."

The survivors of the Knight of Columbus band of desperadoes who murdered William Black at Marshall, Texas, are enjoying an "immunity" peculiar to Catholic thugs and unknown to non-Catholic violators of the law.

So, really, the "immunity" and the "unwritten law" is not all on one side--the anti-Protestants seem to enjoy their share of it judging from the incidents cited, and these are only a few of thousands of like cases.

The world knows these facts and accepts them complacently. The daily press chronicles briefly a few of the most open and dastardly crimes of priests and a submerged smattering of the treason and treachery of the Roman Hierarchy, but believing that this alien power is a permanent fixture--that the disease is incurable--with a burst of enthusiasm and optimism that discounts that of the man who thanked God for the itch because of the luxury of scratching, proclaims it the greatest organization since the Roman Empire and its presence in this country an inestimable boon and a transcendent blessing.

The American people, in the main, are soft-soaped and bulldozed into insensibility by the Jesuitical tricksters who do such odd jobs for the pope as running the "Bulletin" and hundreds of other Romish rags not a whit better.

That's why it is necessary occasionally to quote from them in order to shock the sleepy heads out of their stupor.

ellies tell us of the "horrible conditions in Mexico!"

"Many a Catholic paper, struggling to make both ends meet, has died of a poor circulation," says the *Catholic Citizen*. Aggravated, no doubt, by a lack of that soul-satisfying and mind-enriching matter so essential to a healthy circulation. What the Catholic press needs is more good editors.

According to the *Western Catholic*, December 31, 1915, "In the United States there were about 15,000,000 persons living in poverty." The Catholic church claims about that number of members in the United States, doesn't it?

Those who quote and circulate extracts from Liguori's Theology are bigots and criminals--unless they happen to be priests and "quote" Liguori in the confessional. Then they are representatives of Christ. Fine, isn't it?

The Western Catholic, December 17,

1915, in the "Question Box," answered the question: "May a couple live together without being married by the priest?" By living together without being married by the priest a couple would be living in a state of sin called concubinage." Do you "get" the Catholic attitude toward the marriage relation? They dodge the question by saying the church recognizes Protestant marriage as valid. Protestants are heretics, too.

The Knights of Columbus of Cincinnati presented St. Joseph's Orphanage in that city with \$3,750, the proceeds from the disposal of an automobile at the orphan's picnic.---*Western Catholic*, Dec. 17. That word "disposal" means, we presume, that the automobile was raffled off, gambled for--by the law-abiding (?) Catholics of Cincinnati. Anything to get the money, you know, from euchre to fortune wheels, raffles to roulette. A little thing like a state law does not keep Rome from separating glibly persons from their coin at a game of chance.

According to *The Tablet*, December 31, 23,503 Irish landed in this country during the past year bringing with them \$1,681,387, or an average of less than \$72 each. How many of the twenty-three thousand had as much as that when they landed? And how much of it did they "donate" to the first priest encountered?

The *Western Catholic* tells us that "Catholic philosophy teaches that the State is of Divine origin;" that "Education not being a natural function of the State, its right to control and support education is limited and only accessory to the proper exercise of the normal functions of the State." Therein is the Roman Catholic belief that the Roman Catholic church alone has authority and right to teach fully expressed without unnecessary and bellowing verbiage. Under that teaching and with that belief the Romish effort to discredit the public school and the arrogant defiance of laws affecting education and child-welfare is strictly in accord with Catholic religion, and the church can COMMAND OBEDIENCE. Hence the insistent demand that Catholic schools be recognized as the only legitimate and proper founts of knowledge. The *Western Catholic* forgets that the State is the people and that the people are supreme in the matter of legislation and administration.

Kelly and Carranza

The Tumulty tangle daily assumes more perplexing proportions and each new development in the Mexican situation reveals more fully the purpose of Rome to mislead the public and misconstrue policies, in a desperate attempt to restore papal supremacy and resume control of a buffeted and torn nation.

Mgr. Kelly, who has been vindictive in his utterances concerning Tumulty and the administration since the publication of Tumulty's letter to Dr. McGuire which apparently refuted all that the Romish press has said concerning Carranza, Wilson and conditions in Mexico, is reported by the *Toledo Times*, December 15, as having denied that the Catholic church is antagonistic to Carranza or ever had engaged in politics.

Then why so much expression of hatred toward Carranza and those who are determined to give him a chance to restore peace and tranquility in his country, under the moral support of the American nations?

If the Catholic church is not in politics why does Cardinal Gibbons threaten Wilson with the solid opposition of 17,000,000 Catholics, should he seek re-election?

We are still more firmly convinced that the Mexico muddle is largely the result of Romish intrigue intended to confuse the public until Rome can get things in shape to resume control of affairs. **KELLY & CO. NEED WATCHING.**

You can't measure the depth of a papist's piety by the height of his church steeple.

An English farmer was once visiting in France, and in describing the Benedictine Abbey of St. Germain with its pillars of African marble, etc., said: "It is the richest abbey in France. The abbot has over \$70,000 a year. I lost my patience at such revenues being thus bestowed, inconsistent with the spirit of the times. What a noble farm would the fourth of this income establish! What turnips, what cabbages, what potatoes, what clover, what sheep, what wool! Are not these things better than a fat ecclesiastic?" But the boots find the blarney of the prelate so fetching, they can't see into it as this English farmer did.

The Richmond Missions

The Catholic church has been having a mission at Richmond, Va., conducted by the Paulist Fathers.

As a rule we pay but little attention to these missions or Catholic revival services, or to what is said and done in them, as the Catholics have the same right to regular and extra services as other sects, and they have an undoubted right to say what they please in these services.

Other people have an equal right to criticize these utterances in any manner they choose. Right here is focused one of the chief contentions between Catholics and non-Catholics. Catholics claim the right to say what they please about Protestants and Protestantism, and at the same time deny any right of criticism of anything said or done by their priests or leaders, declaring all such criticisms to be attacks on their religion.

At the risk of being accused of "fighting religion" we note the declaration of the Paulists at Richmond, that "it makes no difference whether the head of the church is an Italian, a Frenchman, an Englishman, a saint, a sinner, or a scholar. When he speaks Ex-Cathedra to the universal church on a matter pertaining to doctrine or morals the millions of his spiritual advisers give implicit obedience to his doctrine."

These mission preachers admitted that unworthy men have occupied the papal chair in the past. If it makes no difference whether the Pope is a saint, or sinner, it can make no great difference whether the bishop or priest be a saint or a sinner.

In plain words the position is that it makes no difference what the character of the prelate or priest is, the church is expected to be guided by him.

As they expect to make America a Catholic country, all idea of personal character among our future spiritual overlords is to be thrown to the winds. Straight or crooked, sober or drunk, pure in thought and action or as corrupt as the fiends make men. *Everything goes.*

Mind this is only a summing up of declarations and apologies constantly made by Catholic orators and writers.

Is it any wonder *THE MENACE* protests against the political and economical control of the country by men who hold that it makes no difference whether their leaders are saints, sinners, angels, fiends, or devils?

The good people of Richmond, however, are to be congratulated on having such a fearless and outspoken champion as the editor of the *Richmond Virginian*. You see no soft-soaping of the Romanists in that paper. He stands for America and the flag, and says so.

Black and White

Q--What is the meaning of the phrase, the Black Pope?

A--It is an insulting reference to the Superior General of the Society of Jesus, and rests on the supposition that he is the real head of the church giving order or "councils" to the Roman Pontiff whose robe of white leads to his being styled the White Pope.---*The Tablet*, Dec. 31, 1915.

In other words, they don't like to be told that the Jesuits run the Catholic church; that the black pope is the real thing and that Benny, the white pope, and the college of cardinals are only figure-heads who do the bidding of the Jesuit General. Poor things, wa pity them. Why don't they make a clean breast of it and say "Tis true, 'tis a pity, 'tis a pity 'tis true" and let that end it?

The minutest mathematical calculation must be required so as not to exceed the amount of the indulgences granted by the pope to the faithful for the repenting of certain cabalistic words. If the words are repeated once, there is an indulgence granted for 300 days. But the danger lies in this, that if the words are repeated a few dozen times beyond the number of days one lives, before he reaches purgatory, the entire indulgence becomes null and void. Catholicism does present some mental exercise,--such as it is!

Paganism and Catholicism

Almost everything that is distinctive in the Roman Catholic form of Christianity is to be found in Buddhism: images, pictures, lights, altars, incense, vestments, masses, beads, wayside shrines, monasteries, nunneries, celibacy, fastings, vigils, retreats, pilgrimages, mendicant vows, shorn heads, orders, habits, uniforms, nuns, convents, purgatory, saintly and priestly intercession, indulgences, works of supererogation, pope, archbishops, abbots, abbees, monks, neophytes, relics and relic-worship, etc.--London Christian.

*They are slaves who fear to speak
For the fallen and the weak
They are slaves who will not choose
Hatred, scoffing and abuse
Rather than in silence shirk
From the truth they needs must think;
They are slaves who dare not be
In the right with two or three
---James Russell Lowell.*

Topics In Tabloid

BY C. VON KIDEN

The would-be social reformers can feel flattered. There is said to be a greater power on earth than theirs--that of the Romish church which claims there is no power in the world that can push on the right lines of social reform except the Catholic church. A Jesuit priest says there are a good many Catholics who don't seem to recognize a social question at all and as he is acquainted with his dupes, he must know what he is talking about. He expects to win the world over to Catholicism, in which is the one aim he can sanction. In those good old Catholic countries the prelates pushed social reform to the extent that nearly three-fourths of the people remained illiterate beggars of the lowest description. All that any one ever sees the hierarchy doing, is standing on its hind legs at times, braying loudly and frequently, and doing NOTHING! What is the church doing for progress? What has it ever done? What will it ever do?

The *Catholic Citizen*, speaking of reports of food shortages in Paris, London and other cities, says: "Things are not as bad as they seem, if we discount these reports by the political interests which set them afloat." Does Cardinal Gibbons wish us to use the same process of reasoning when he and his fellow Cath-